

# BEST PHOTO ESSAY

## Thompson launches wooden stick line

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Akwesasrónon Michael Thompson has taken his passion for lacrosse to the next level and has launched his own wooden lacrosse stick line, which includes sticks for both box and field, as well as goalie sticks. The process of making a lacrosse stick is

complex and could take up to one year. Iori:wase spent some time with Thompson at his home in Akwesasne recently, where he showed us the process - from start to finish.

The process starts with splitting an eight-foot hickory log into two-inch-by-two-inch pieces and ends with the stringing of the lacrosse stick. Once the logs are split they need to be dried out for several months before more work can be done. Then there's

carving done to make the stick's head before the stick is put in a steamer to prepare it to be bent. Once the stick is bent it needs to sit for several weeks and then it is bent again to create the stick's frame. Then the head can be carved, the shaft shaved and rounded, and then it is varnished and finally strung.

Thompson can be found at [www.thompsonandsonslacrosse.com](http://www.thompsonandsonslacrosse.com).



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## CHERYL DELARONDE & GREG HORN

Iori:wase

Even though it was a black and white essay, really nice how it follows the steps from start to finish. Really nicely done!

## J. BELL, A. GRAY, D. MURPHY, A. SAKKEETA

Nunatsiq News

The photos really give the reader an idea of what took place. Nice selection of photos convey the title "Blown Away."

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High winds caused extensive damage to the roof of École des Trois-Soleils french school in Iqaluit. (PHOTO BY ADAMIE SAKKEETA)

## Blown away



Wind: faster than cars sometimes. (PHOTO BY DAVID MURPHY)

Editor Jim Bell snapped this shot outside his home early on Jan. 7. (PHOTO BY JIM BELL)



Small structures such as this garbage box didn't stand a chance. (PHOTO BY JIM BELL)

Building 157 in Iqaluit will need some new siding. (PHOTO BY JIM BELL)

## The Red Dress Ball 2014



Burlesque sensation Lauren Jiles, also known by the stage name 'LouLou la Duchesse de la Piere' performs at the Wiggle Room in Montreal, New York City and New Orleans. Lauren was instrumental in planning the evening entertainment bringing several other acts to entertain the red-dressed crowd, which raised \$22,000 for the Kateri Memorial Foundation.



The biggest applause was reserved for our surprise guest of the night, Kahnawake's very own 'The Old Lady.' Kakaomstha Deer reprised her Old Lady role, this time reinventing herself as burlesque queen bee. Hats off to her - always a good sport and life of the party!



The show opened with a performance by exotic belly dancer Halima Baladi, who showed talents in this middle eastern, ancient form of dancing, that only come from years of experience and practice.



Brendt Thomas Diabo - Kahnawake's own rising star - donated his time to be there, and performed a set that would make Robert Johnson proud.



All heads turned towards the dance floor when three Brazilian dancers took centre stage and pulled a few from their glasses of red wine to join them in feathers.

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## DANIEL J. ROWE

The Eastern Door

Nicely laid out on page. Different expressions, definitely a happening event!

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